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SOURCE

1. Individual turbo-jet fighters were observed daily over the TUSHINO (37°25'N/55°49'N) airfield. The aircraft had two turbines suspended from the wings, single rudder assembly, and short, double trapezoidal wings with rounded-off wing tips. At an air show in August 1947 these turbo-jet fighters and also rocket-jet fighters were observed, which after a vertical take-off dived down again perpendicularly. According to fellow-Pws, these rocket-jet fighters were launched from the ground by winches and switched on their rocket propulsion at an altitude of about 660 feet.

2. Practices with gliders launched by motor planes or winches were held daily at the TUSHINO airfield. Different types of fighters and bombers were also observed.

3. The about 6,600 foot square TUSHINO airfield had hangars, a radio station, and a weather station.
4. Besides well known Soviet aircraft types the following types were observed on Soviet Air Force Day in August 1947:
- a. Turbo-jet fighters with two turbines projecting far over leading and trailing edge of wing, single rudder assembly, elevator assembly set high at fuselage, double trapezoidal wings, and slim fuselage. Twenty to thirty aircraft flying in formations of three planes each did low-level attack firing with aircraft weapons at ground targets.

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b. Aircraft with short and stubby fuselage which climbed almost perpendicularly over the landing field and then dived. These aircraft, flying in formations of 6 to 8 planes, were faster than the turbo-jet fighters.

c. Group parachuting.

5. Gliding activity and individual turbo-jet fighters stationed at the airfield were continually observed from August 1947 to February 1948.

Comment:

a. Since [] using the above terms "turbo-jet fighter" and "rocket-jet fighter" are not aircraft experts but only learned these expressions in camp talks, the terms must be accepted with reserve. The turbo-jet fighter type with two turbines suspended from the wings probably is a Soviet duplicate of the e-262 which was also shown on 3 August 1947.

b. The so-called rocket-jet-fighters which, as reported by the first source, were also launched by means of winches, might have been the e-162/263, a rocket fighter type which was probably not shown on Air Force Day on 3 August. It is also possible that the Junkers Ju-126 ("ELL1") ground attack aircraft was test-flown, or that only conventional motor-propelled fighters were concerned which, having attained a certain altitude, switched on auxiliary rocket boosters and thus could ascend almost perpendicularly.

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